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TOPIC Soviet Troop Trains 25X1

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troop trains between 22 February and 5 March 1953: 25X1

- B - boxcar
- CB - converted boxcar
- F - flatcar

Date	Composition of Troop Trains	From	To
22 February	14 CB, 3 B, 42 F;	Saalfeld	Jena
23 February	2 CB, 5 F;	Lossa	Halle
24 February	16 CB, 1 B, 32 F;	Ohrdruf	Plauen
	2 CB, 1 B, 16 F;	Jena	Ohrdruf
25 February	8 CB, 1 B, 39 F;	Halle railroad district	Ohrdruf
	4 CB, 1 B, 10 F;	Ohrdruf	Plauen
	3 CB, 7 F;	Ohrdruf	Plauen
	11 CB, 1 B, 33 F;	Ohrdruf	Plauen
	5 CB, 1 B, 29 F;	Halle railroad district	Ohrdruf
26 February	8 CB, 2 B, 13 F;	Weimar	Wolmirstedt
	4 F;	Esperstedt	Halle

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27 February	14 CB, 3 B, 42 F;	Ohrdruf	Saalfeld
	9 CB, 1 B, 34 F;	Crawinkel	Jena
	3 CB, 1 B, 13 F;	Halle railroad district	Ohrdruf
	11 CB, 5 B, 28 F;	Ohrdruf	Jena
28 February	7 CB, 1 B, 30 F;	Donndorf	Halle
	7 CB, 1 B, 30 F;	Donndorf	Halle
	9 CB, 1 B, 23 F;	Donndorf	Armenndorf
	8 CB, 1 B, 39 F;	Rossleben	Armenndorf
	9 CB, 18 F;	Rossleben	Armenndorf
	9 CB, 1 B, 34 F;	Ohrdruf	Altenburg
	2 CB, 2 B, 11 F;	Ohrdruf	Weissenfels
	5 CB, 9 B, 31 F;	Crawinkel	Jena
	13 CB, 2 B, 39 F;	Crawinkel	Jena
1 March	6 CB, 37 F;	Ohrdruf	Altenburg
	11 CB, 2 B, 37 F;	Ohrdruf	Naumburg
	10 CB, 1 B, 39 F;	Ohrdruf	Naumburg
	10 CB, 3 B, 26 F;	Weimar	Altengrabow
	1 CB, 3 F;	Jena	Crawinkel
2 March	9 CB, 1 B, 21 F;	Ohrdruf	Altenburg
	12 CB, 48 F;	Ohrdruf	Naumburg
	11 CB, 1 B, 48 F;	Rudolstadt	Plauen
	3 CB, 14 F;	Jena	Zeitz
	8 CB, 25 F;	Weimar	Altengrabow
	4 CB, 1 B, 13 F;	Crawinkel	Jena
	3 CB, 10 F;	Crawinkel	Jena
3 March	7 CB, 3 B, 8 F;	Jena	Wolmirstedt
	11 CB, 43 F;	Ohrdruf	Weissenfels

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4 March	3 CB, 17 F;	Glauchau	Zeulenroda
	9 CB, 3 B, 27 F;	Zeitz	Wolmirstedt
	3 CB, 1 B, 11 F;	Weimar	Crawinkel
	7 CB, 1 B, 22 F;	Crawinkel	Jena
	7 CB, 1 B, 21 F;		
5 March	3 CB, 1 B, 11 F;	Donndorf	Crawinkel
	2 CB, 17 F;	Zeulenroda	Glauchau

[] Comment. On 24 and 25 February 1953, the 87th Gun Arty Regt, of the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div returned to its home station. The regiment probably moved from Flauen to Ohrdruf on the troop trains

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[] Comment. The three troop trains from the billeting area of the 20th Gds Mecz Div to Wolmirstedt indicate that tank units resumed firing practices with live ammunition at Letzling Heath. In 1952, the tank units from the area of the Eighth Gds Army arrived at Letzling Heath on 3 and 4 March. They also came from Jena and Zeitz. Tank units loaded in 1953 included elements of the 65th Gds Mecz Regt, from Weimar on 26 February; and elements of the 36th (?) Tank Regt, from Zeitz on 4 March. The third shipment from Jena on 3 March 1953

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[] Comment. The troop trains carried components of the 21st Gds Mecz Div which returned from the Lossa troop training grounds to Halle. On 28 February 1953, the unloading of a tank unit of the above division [] The unit drove to the Luftnachrichten Kaserne. []

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4. [] Comment. The troop trains carried elements of the 38th Army AT Arty Brig, [] These units were absent from Altenburg probably for a prolonged period as, on 20 February 1953, the quarters of the brigade in the barracks installation east of Leipziger Strasse in Altenburg were occupied by about 150 troops only. []

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5. [] Comment. On 17 and 18 February 1953, six troop trains were dispatched from the Lossa area to Ohrdruf after completion of field exercises conducted by units of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps. The troop trains included: a train [] carrying elements of the 128th Gds Gun Arty Regt; a train [] carrying elements of the 170th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt; trains []

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[] carrying elements of the 655th How Arty Regt; and trains [] rying units which could not be identified. All other units belonged to the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div. [] be present report indicates that on 1 and 2 March 1953, probably after completion of firing practices, the elements of the 170th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt and the elements of the 655th How Arty Regt, reported in the reference report, returned to their quarters in Naumburg. It is of interest that the 655th How Arty Regt, [] also moved to Naumburg as this regiment could not definitely be identified in Naumburg recently.

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6. Comment. On 1 and 2 March 1953, elements of the 1173rd AAA Regt, of the 13th AAA Div moved from Weimar to Altengrabow. As light AAA units of the 31st AAA Div from Schoenewalde and those of the 1st Mecz Div from Doeberitz were also transported to Altengrabow in the first days of March 1953, it is believed that the 1173rd AAA Regt is also equipped with 37-mm AA guns. 25X1
7. Comment. On 3 March 1953, components of the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div left Plauen for the Schleiz area to conduct a field exercise which was said to have lasted until about 6 March 1953. The troop trains reported in the present report indicate that elements of the 497th AAA Regt (US) from Rudolstadt, and elements of the 220th Hv Tank SP Regt, from Glauchau also participated in the above field exercise. The unloading and entraining of the tank regiment from Glauchau at the Zeulenroda railroad station confirms that the field exercise was held in the area northwest of Plauen and Schleiz. 25X1
8. Comment. The troop trains from the Halle railroad district to Ohrdruf possibly carried elements of the 76th Arty Brig (US) of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps from Merseburg. Most of the other troop trains were running between the billeting area of the 20th Gds Mecz Div and Crawinkel, and between the Lossa troop training grounds and Halle. They clearly indicate that combat firing practices by the two mechanized divisions of the Eighth Gds Army at the Ohrdruf and Lossa troop training grounds lasted until the first week of March 1953. 25X1

The following units were mentioned in the report:

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the 655th How Arty Regt of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div in Naumburg until 1 March 1953.

the Hq 21st Gds Mecz Div in Halle until 26 February 1953.

the 36th (?) Tank Regt (US) of the 20th Gds Mecz Div in Zeitz until 4 March 1953.

an element of the 38th Army AT Arty Brig in Altenburg until 2 March 1953.

the 68th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt (US) of the 20th Gds Mecz Div in Jena until 2 March 1953.

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the 316th RL Regt (US) of the XXVIII Gds Mtz Rifle Corps in Saalfeld until 27 February 1953.

the 65th Gds Mecz Regt of the 20th Gds Mecz Div in Weimar until 4 March 1953.

the 66th Gds Mecz Regt of the 20th Gds Mecz Div in Jena until 2 March 1953.

the 67th Gds Mecz Regt of the 20th Gds Mecz Div from Zeitz until 5 March 1953.

the 172nd Gds How Arty Regt of the 20th Gds Mecz Div in Jena until 4 March 1953.

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the 87th Gun Arty Regt of the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div in Plauen until 25 February 1953.

the 220th Hvy Tank SP Regt in Glauchau until 5 March 1953.

the 170th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div in Naumburg until 2 March 1953.

the 1173rd AAA Regt of the 13th AAA Div in Weimar until 2 March 1953.

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the 2504th Gds AAA Regt (US) of the 20th Gds Mecz Div in Jena until 2 March 1953.

the 497th AAA Regt (US) of the XXVIII Gds Mtz Rifle Corps in Rudolstadt until 2 March 1953.

belongs to an unidentified tank unit of the 21st Gds Mecz Div in Halle.

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